**Everyone:**

**WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING AT CHRIST OF THE DESERT THIS PAST YEAR?**

**Thanks to ongoing generosity and support of our “Christ of the Desert” community, we were able to do the following.**

* **Collect $20,888 for DDF. $9,333 came back to us tax free!!!!**
* **Purchase 100 new chairs, with arms, for the Chapel.**
  + **Reconfigure the seating plan for the entire Church.**
* **Install 17 new energy efficient windows in the Courtyard meeting & office rooms.**
* **Install 15 new sets of slatted blinds in all Courtyard meeting & office rooms.**
* **Recognize 5 “long timer” members of the community for their service to Christ of the Desert.**
  + **John Evans, Jackie Capitanelli, Betty Walbridge, Palette Quaid & Jessie Schumaker. Many more to come.**
* **Celebrate 3 years of publishing the “Bulletin”.**
* **Remove 4 large trees in the back “Garden” space for safety & wall structural reasons.**
* **Desert scape the entire Church property taking advantage of the rebate offers from CVWD and City of Palm Desert.**
* **Purchase new patio furniture for the inner Courtyard.**
* **Collect over 4,000 pounds of nonperishable food, during Advent & Lent, for the Galilee Center.**
  + **Collect nearly $700 during Advent & Lent, for the Galilee Center.**

**Border Compassion Mother's Day Celebration, May 10, 2023**  
**Help us to honor and gift each mother living in the shelter.**

**The goal is to provide 200 wallets with $50 in each! “faith communities” from all over the valley are participating in the program.**

**You are invited to donate a wallet or make a cash donation. Bring wallets and donations to Christ of the Desert. Sisters Phyllis and Geneva are coordinating the collection on April 30th.**

**The mission of Border Compassion is to invite faith-communities to Cross-Over atthe border to offer a compassionate humanitarian response to families living at the Posada del Migrante Shelter, which houses up to 300 people.**

**Border Compassion is a non-profit, faith-based, grassroots effort to respond to the needs of families who have migrated to the border crossing at Calexico, CA and Mexicali, Mexico.**

**These asylum seekers left their homes to escape violence, poverty and climate disasters.  
Make checks payable to: Border Compassion or donate via PayPal:**

[**www.border-compassion.org**](http://www.border-compassion.org)

**43376 Cook Street, Unit 10, Palm Desert, CA 92211  
Border Compassion is a non-profit 501c3, Tax id 94-1605666**

**REMEMBERING FORMER PARISHIONERS WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY:**

**Lynn Foster passed away on April 1st.**

**Larry Bean passed away on April 14th.**

**May their souls “rest in peace”. AMEN**

### **APRIL 30th ,2023**

### **Themes for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday):**

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) remind us that Jesus Christ leads us through the gate of salvation.

In the first reading Peter calls all to conversion.

The psalm reminds us that God is always caring for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

The second reading tells us that when we stray, we can return to the Lord.

And in the gospel Jesus promises to lead his people to safety and warns us to be cautious about who we follow.

**THE 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS:**

* **First Reading** – [Acts 2:14A, 36-41](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=507&rp=5503): Peter stands up with the eleven apostles and addresses the crowd, declaring that the events they are witnessing are the fulfillment of prophecy. Then he preaches about Jesus Christ, calling on the crowd to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, leading to the conversion and baptism of about three thousand people.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 23](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=508&rp=5503): The psalm describes God as a caring and protective shepherd who provides for all the needs of his sheep, including rest, refreshment, guidance, and courage in times of trouble. The psalmist speaks of the abundance and blessings that come from following God, and expresses confidence in God’s presence and goodness throughout his life, both now and in the future.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Peter 2:20b-25](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=509&rp=5503): Peter exhorts Christians to endure suffering patiently, even when it is unjust, because Christ himself suffered for their sake and left them an example to follow. Peter emphasizes that Christ’s suffering was redemptive, and that through his wounds, believers are healed and brought back to God, who is like a shepherd caring for his sheep.
* **Gospel** – [John 10:1-10](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=510&rp=5503): Jesus uses the metaphor of a shepherd and his sheep to describe his relationship with his followers. He claims to be the gate for the sheep and the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for them, contrasting himself with those who are thieves and robbers, who come only to steal and destroy.

**Themes are gleaned from**[**www.young-catholics.com**](http://www.young-catholics.com/)

**MAY ACTIVITIES:**

* **May 4th is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **May 7th is the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary before 9:30 Mass.**
* **May 7th after the 9:30 Masses (Christ Of**
* **The Desert & Sacred Heart) there will be a reception for Father Tyler at Sacred Heart in the Salta Center.**
* **May 10th is the Border-Compassion Mother’s Day Celebration trip to Mexicali, Mexico.**
* **May 14th Mother’s Day.**
* **May 21st Annual Spring Collection benefiting the following ministries;** 
  + **Catholic Relief Services**
  + **Catholic Communications Campaign**
  + **Peter’s Pence**
  + **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

**NEW SECTION: MEDIA MINISTRY:**

**COMMENTS FROM OUR PARISHIONERS:**

**I downloaded the app. Very good!!  I already had catechism in a year on a podcast**

**Loretta**

**Jay, there is an App called Angel Studios that has all the seasons of The Chosen. The App is free.**

**Linda**

**The Chosen.**

**The Chosen is a seven season, eight-episode docu-drama of Christ’s public life. It is completely faithful to the**

**accounts of Christ’s ministry as told in the Holy Gospels. The appeal of The Chosen is in its portrayal of the**

**humanity of Jesus.**

**The first two seasons are available on Netflix. Season three, just completed last month. Just download the “Angel Studios” app from Apple or Android. You can watch on your phone or tablet or you can get a grandchild to show you how to throw it**

**to your TV.**

**Hallow.**

**This is the most used Catholic prayer and meditation site on the web. The content is incredibly rich. From the app, you can access the “Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz,” follow**

**him in the “Catechism in a Year” and find dozens of ways to enhance your spiritual life.**

**Great site.**

**Coming to a theater near you. “His Only Son.” The story of Abraham and Isaac. Be on the lookout.**

**Who is saying Mass at Christ of the Desert Chapel:**

* **April 30th: Father Connole**
* **May 7th: Father Connole**
* **May 14th: Father Connole**
* **May 21st: Father Elder**
* **May 28th: Father Connole**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR MAY: FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS.**  
**We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.**

**The Christ of the Desert “Bulletin” now appears on**[**www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/)**website. Open up the site and click on “church”, look down on the bottom left for Christ of the Desert. Open up this site for the “bulletin” and other information about our community.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution is, Thursday, May 4th at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 15,500 pounds of food.**
  + **Our family count is 21. God is helping us to reach out to those in need.**
  + **We need volunteers to assist with this program. See Jay or Cindy, if you wish to help us.**
    - **1 hour each month on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

**April 23rd  – Mass we had 132 people. Capacity is 185.**

**April 21st – Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 53 people.**

**CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**There will be an information providing sheet on the table near the Chapel exit/entrance area.**

**You can always email the information to me as well.**

**You can sign up for any month NOW. I will keep a record of your special month and enter it when that month arrives.**

**WHO HAS A DATE IN MAY & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Bob Ruehl had a birthday on April 3rd.**

**Mary Lindstrom had a birthday on April 3rd.**

**Betty Schultz had a birthday on April 17th.**

**Joyce Sosebee had a birthday on April 18th.**

**Jim LaBaugh had a birthday on April 18th**

**Carol Anderson had a birthday on April 21st.**

**Dave Bannon has a birthday on April 30th.**

**MAY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Cathy Oliaro has a birthday on May 5th.**

**Sharon McCoy has a birthday on May 12th.**

**Shirley Wilburn has a birthday on May 19th.**

**Hank Omelchenko has a birthday on May 20th**

**Karen Latragna has a birthday on May 22nd**

**NEW SECTION: APRIL BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Jamie Rogers – April 3rd, Brother of Crys Mueller.**

**NEW SECTION: MAY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Steve Dorniak – May 7th, Father of Mary Anne Dorniak.**

**Jack Parlapiano – May 7th, Father of Margaret McKenzie.**

**Bill Mueller – May 17th, Father of Jay Mueller.**

**APRIL HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carl & Lois Hickey – April 17th.**

**Jan & Patrick McCoy – April 30th ,1966.**

**MAY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Ginny & Wes Wright – May 29th ,1969.**

**NEW SECTION: APRIL REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**JoAnn & Daniel Pepper – April 29th,1958**

**NEW SECTION: MAY REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Steve & Frances Dorniak – May 27th. Parents of Maryanne Dorniak**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**APRIL REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**Daniel Pepper, husband of JoAnn, passed away on April 22nd, 2018.**

**John Schumaker, son of Jesse Schumaker, passed away on April 30, 2017.**

**MAY REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**Stanford Johnson, husband of Rosanne, passed away on May 11th, 1998.**

**Norm Walbridge, husband of Betty, passed away May 18th , 1998.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**“Who would you like to pray” for section:**

**Please send me your new updated petitions which will appear in green.**

**Many of you have returned to Mass on Sunday and pray for special intentions there. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**Please pray for Jimmy Rogers, my father in law & Crys’ dad, that God answers his pray. J & Crys Mueller**

**Please pray for Bob who is now home recovering from health issues.  Joanne Dellovo**

**The Parish prays for the following parishioners:**

**Marie, Joyce Olsen, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo & John & Carol Lee Evans.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**PAVER ORDERS:**

**Pavers can still be purchased. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. I have the tools to do the install myself now. Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**Christ of the Desert office hours: 760-346-0089**

**Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30 Monday- Friday. Please call first to be sure Cindy is available. When Cindy is in the office, the office door is locked. Please ring the doorbell “to get her attention”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**MAY HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving via your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service.**

**We have done great this past year but remember this is an ongoing process. Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE SECTION:**

**THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR JULY 1,2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 IS NOW $135,000\*.**

**\*MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR ESTIMATED HIGHER ENERGY COSTS.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are $11,250 or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 annually.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $149,742. 110.9% of new annual budget.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass collection plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections to date are: $51,288.**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: $21,434.**
* **April collections: $21,434.**
* **May collections: $TBD.**
* **June collections are: $TBD.**

**SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES SECTION:**

**If anyone else wants to advertise their business in the Bulletin, send me your information.**

**Postal Connection (**[**760-568-3471**](tel:760-568-3471)**) owned and operated by one of our parishioners, Helene Shaunty. They are located (Near CVS Pharmacy) at 74923 Hwy 111 in Indian Wells. They are open and are considered an essential business doing mail and shipping, as well as Notary Services. They are a small business and have been greatly impacted by the quarantine.....so they would appreciate any and all of your business**.

**Enedina Sutton, a Distributor of Nature Sunshine Products and a long time parishioner. Has Herbal Supplements, all kinds of Vitamins, ointments, essential Oils, disinfectant products and much more. I do the business from home. I can be reached at**[**760-345-3754**](tel:760-345-3754)**. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**Invented by NASA engineers, used on astronauts returning from space to rebuild muscle, bone and heal wounds “red light therapy” is now available. I am a new parishioner. Please call or email me: Rom Partyka 805-673-9235 or email at** [**rom1942@msn.com**](mailto:rom1942@msn.com) **for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 15 years.**

**ON GOING MESSAGE SECTION:**

**Please continue to consider supporting our community with the following options:**

**Mail your weekly or monthly offering to Christ of the Desert. All our regular mail goes to Sacred Heart so you would need to use that address. Make checks payable to Christ of the Desert.**

**CHRIST OF THE DESERT c/o.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH 43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260.**

**OR**

**Go to your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service. You can set up an automatic payment directly from there. If you have any trouble doing this or don’t have a computer, just call your bank and they can help you.**

**Please make sure that you tell the bank to make the check payable to Christ of the Desert but send the check to Sacred Heart’s address:**

**43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**God Bless,**

**J.**

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745